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John E. Welsh 4780 Bonair Street Holladay, Utah 84117

Re: Reclamation Requirements for Small Mining Operations, North & South Shivwits Gypsum

Projects, S/053/015 & S/053/008, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Welsh:

Please accept my apology for the delay in providing this letter to you in response to your letter dated November 6, 1997, wherein you request assistance regarding the reclamation requirements for your two small mine sites, namely the North and South Shivwits Gypsum Project areas. You have requested our recommendations as to what reclamation work needs to be performed to enable us to close out your projects and retire the mile files.

Mr. Larry Gore (BLM) and I inspected both of these mine site areas on December 2, 1997. Attached are copies of my field inspection memos (which I gave you draft copies of during your office visit of February 23, 1998) and a copy of Mr. Gore's follow-up letter regarding his inspection of these sites. Our reclamation recommendations are outlined in the attached documents.

Please notify me and Mr. Gore when you arrange to have a contractor and his equipment out on these sites to perform the reclamation activities. We would like to have the opportunity to witness the reclamation work while it is being conducted. This will enable us to advise your contractor (if necessary) of any concerns we may have or answer any questions he may have with regard to our reclamation requirements, before he removes his equipment from the area.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in completing the remaining reclamation of the disturbed areas associated with these projects. Please contact me at (801) 538-5286 or Mr. Gore if we can be of further assistance in this regard.

Singerely

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

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Attachments: Inspection memo's; BLM 12/11/97 letter cc: Larry Gore, BLM, Dixie RA

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